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**TURKESTAN MD**

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

SAMARKAND TRAINING AREA  
SAMARKAND, SAMARKANDSKAYA OBLAST, USSR  
(39-35N 066-55E)  
TURKESTAN MD

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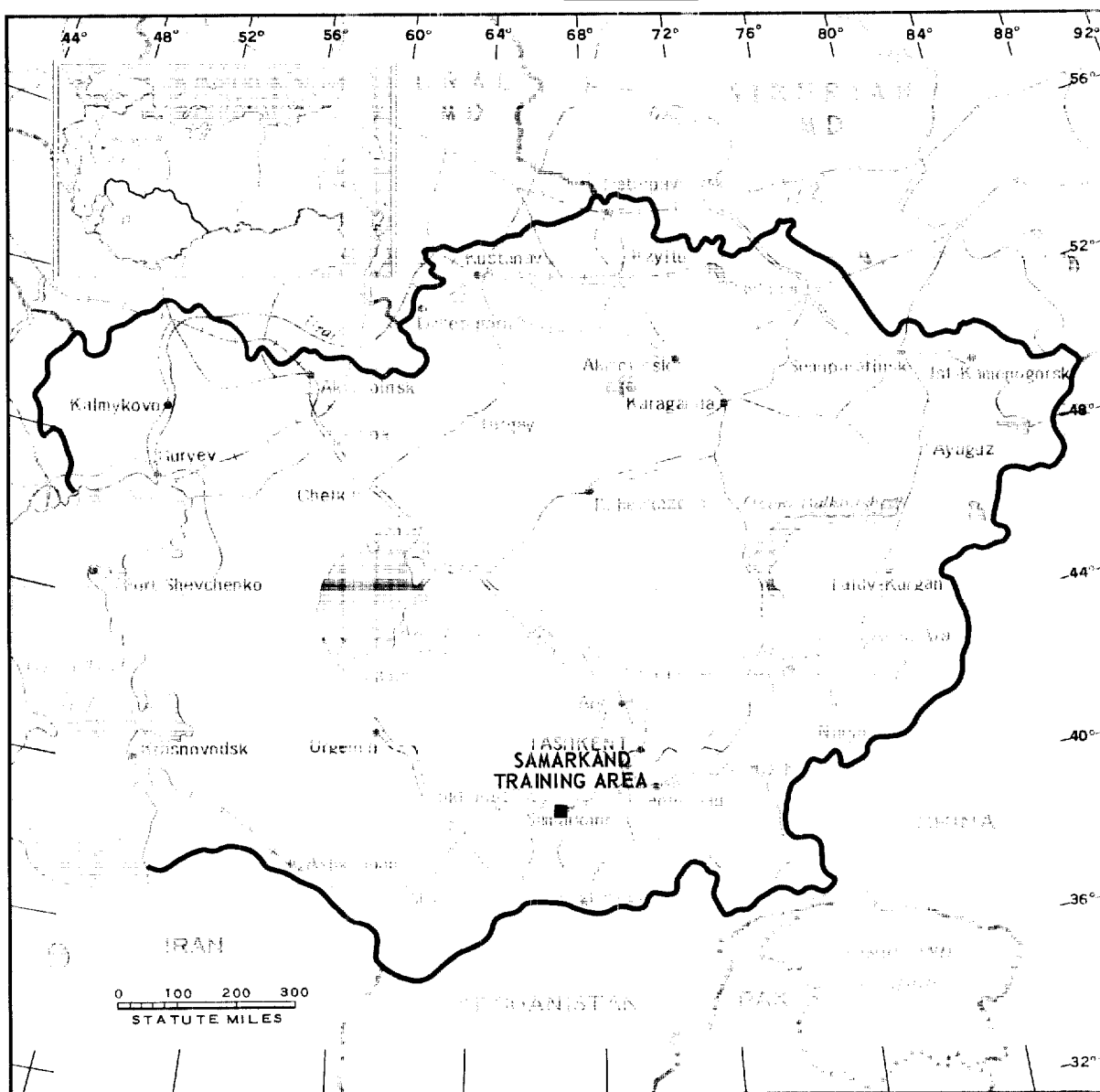


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF SAMARKAND TRAINING AREA.

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#### SUMMARY

A training area is located 7 kilometers (km) southwest of Samarkand (Figure 1).

The installation covers approximately 6,365 acres and contains 3 bivouac areas with a total of 21 support buildings, a vehicle park with 4 vehicle sheds, 2 probable storage buildings, 2 support buildings, 2 probable vehicle parks, each with 3 support buildings, and 2 other unidentified buildings (Figure 2). Training facilities include a tracked-vehicle driver-training course, a probable tracked-vehicle driver-training area, a tracked/wheeled-vehicle driver-training area, a wheeled-vehicle driver-training course, 2 tank/assault-gun firing ranges, a probable flat-trajectory firing

range, two 6-gun field artillery batteries, a combined-arms field-training area, a probable wheeled-vehicle mounted automatic-weapons firing range, a probable subcaliber firing range, and water-crossing exercise areas. A strafing range is located in the southern part of the training area.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The only change observed was the construction of the tracked-vehicle driver-training course between [REDACTED]  
A high degree of activity is discernible on all coverage.

#### DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

##### Road Service

Secondary roads connect the training area to the military installations in and around Samarkand.

##### Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 2 bivouac areas with a total of 21 support buildings.

Area D2 contains 1 bivouac area which is probably the billeting area for the main motor pool.

##### Other Buildings

Area H contains 2 buildings.

##### Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains 4 vehicle sheds (two 300 by 30 feet, one 440 by 30 feet, and one 160 by 35 feet), 2 probable storage buildings, and 2 L-shaped support buildings.

Area J2 is a 240- by 200-foot probable vehicle park containing 3 support buildings.

Area J3 is a 300- by 200-foot probable

vehicle park containing 3 support buildings.

##### Driver-Training Areas

Area M1 is a tracked-vehicle driver-training course which was first observed in [REDACTED]

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Area M2 is a tracked/wheeled-vehicle driver-training area.

Area M3 is a wheeled-vehicle driver-training course.

Area M4 is a probable tracked-vehicle driver-training area.

##### Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1 contains a 4,000-foot tank/assault-gun firing range with ten 1,700-foot lanes, nine 2,300-foot lanes, one 1,900-foot lane, 13 moving-target runs, and 19 range support buildings.

Area N2 contains a 2,600-foot tank/assault-gun firing range with three 400-foot lanes, 2 moving-target runs, and 2 range support buildings.

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FIGURE 2. SAMARKAND TRAINING AREA, SAMARKANDSKAYA, USSR, [REDACTED]

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#### Flat-Trajectory Firing Range

Area P contains a 3,600-foot flat-trajectory firing range with 9 probable stationary targets and 3 range support buildings. Nine parallel ground scars extend from the firing line to the probable targets. Possible burn scars are observed at 4 of the targets.

#### Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Two 6-gun field-artillery batteries (not shown on graphic) are observed on the south side of the training area.

#### Infantry or Combined-Arms Field-Training

##### Area or Courses

Area R is a combined-arms field-training area with personnel trenching, vehicular scars, and personnel/gun emplacements.

#### Special Training Facilities

Area S1 is a probable wheeled-vehicle-mounted automatic weapons firing range with numerous firing circuits and at least 15 moving target runs at a maximum distance of 4,000 feet. Fourteen support buildings are associated with the range.

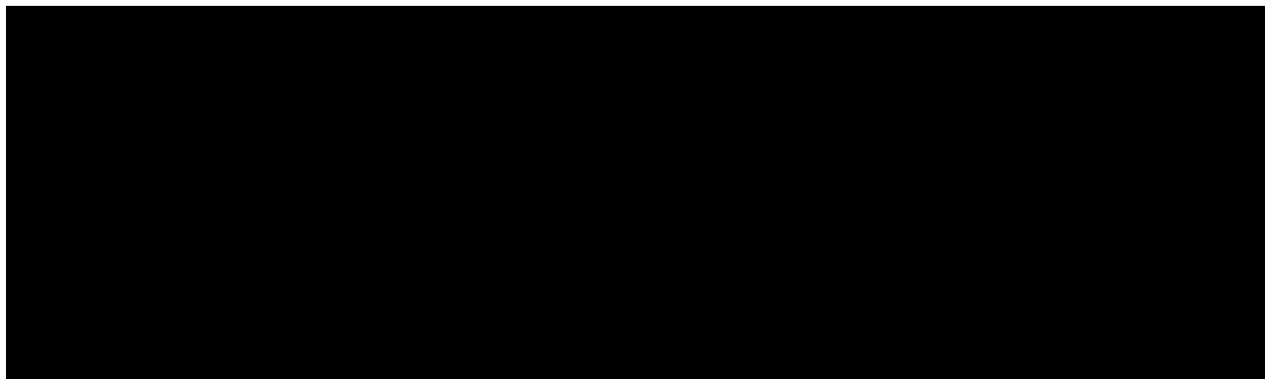
Area S2 is a probable subcaliber firing range with 6 range support buildings and at least 13 moving target runs with a maximum distance of 3,800 feet.

A strafing range (not shown on graphic) consisting of aircraft silhouettes is located in the southern part of the training area.

Water-crossing exercises appear to be carried out at a number of places along the streams.

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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